

## Message Text

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R 281858Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5433  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO  
AMEMBASSY MADRID

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 23784

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, FR, SS  
SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON WESTERN SAHARA

REF: PARIS 22441

1. MFA CHIEF OF NORTH AFRICA/ME BUREAU TOLD US  
JULY 28 THAT HE SEES LITTLE NEAR-TERM CHANCE OF SUCCESS  
FOR ANY OF THE MEDIATION EFFORTS NOW IN TRAIN OR IN  
PROSPECT REGARDING PEACE IN WESTERN SAHARA.  
LECOMPT REPEATED (REFTEL) THAT FRANCE CONTINUES TO  
FAVOR A LOW PROFILE. HE DOES NOT CONSIDER SPAIN WELL  
PLACED; NOR DOES HE THINK THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S RELA-  
TIONS WITH ALGERIA ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO QUALIFY JIDDA.  
HE NOTED THAT MALI WAS INTERESTED IN A MEDIATING ROLE,  
BUT SAW NO PROSPECTS THERE EITHER. HE CHARACTERIZED  
THE OAU "WISE MAN" APPROACH AS LITTLE MORE THAN  
OPTICAL, AND A DELAYING TACTIC BY MOROCCO. LECOMPT DID  
NOT REPEAT, AS HE HAD TOLD US EARLIER, THAT THE US  
OUGHT TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE.  
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2. LECOMPT NOTED THAT TWO MAURITANIAN ENVOYS, THE  
MINISTERS OF EQUIPMENT AND OF FINANCE, HAD BEEN RE-  
CEIVED JULY 27 BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, BUT  
DID NOT INDICATE THAT WESTERN SAHARA ISSUES HAD COME  
UP.  
HARTMAN

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